

# HAZARD ALERT ROADWAY/TRAVELWAY SAFETY



**2005 - A section of steel channel iron entered the operators deck causing fatal crushing injuries to the operator.**

Four very similar fatalities involving objects entering operator compartments of mobile equipment have occurred nationwide from 2003 to 2006. Both State and Federal laws require a preshift examination for hazardous conditions along all roadways and travelways where persons are required to work during the oncoming shift. All equipment operators should examine active travelways as often as necessary to identify and correct any unsafe condition. Every equipment operator has the responsibility to examine and know the condition of their travelways.

## **SUMMARY OF TRAVELWAY FATALITIES:**

- 2003 – A battery scoop operator received fatal injuries when the scoop bucket struck a section of 4” plastic water pipe that entered the operators deck, crushing the victim.**
- 2005 – A battery shield hauler operator received fatal injuries when he ran over a 14’ section of metal channel iron that entered the operators deck, crushing the victim.**
- 2006 – A track battery locomotive operator received fatal injuries when a roof support, steel I-Beam had become dislodged and entered the operators deck, crushing the victim.**
- 2006 – A battery scoop operator received fatal injuries when the scoop ran over a wooden board that entered the operators deck, crushing the victim.**

## **SAFETY KEYPOINTS:**

- Conduct thorough preshift examinations and remove any extraneous material that may pose a hazard to equipment operators.
- Take the time to examine active roadways/travelways as often as necessary to identify and correct any potentially hazardous condition.
- Develop a process, involving all miners, to proactively identify and eliminate potential hazards in roadways/travelways.

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